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SUBJECT: BELGIAN/GDR CONSULAR NEGOTIATIONS

REF: BERLIN 6918

1. BELGIAN POLITICAL COUNSELOR DOYEN) HAI BRIEFED
EMBOFF ON BELGIAN/GDR CONSULAR NEGOTIATIONS. DOYEN'S
BRIEFINGPARALLELED ACCOUNT IN REFTEL, BUT HIS
PRESENTATION WAS DECIDEDLY MORE PESSIMISTIC.

2. DOYEN ADDED THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. IN THE LAST ROUND OF TALKS, CONCLUDED ON
DECEMBER 8, THE GDR HAD INSISTED THAT A DEFINITION OF
NATIONALITY WAS ESSENTIAL; WITHOUT ONE THERE WOULD BE NO AGREEMENT.

THE BELGIANS, WHO CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN
THAT SUCH A DEFINITION WAS A POLITICAL ISSUE OUTSIDE
THE SCOPE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, WERE UNABLE TO MOVE THEM FROM THIS
POSITION.

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B. AS A RESULT OF GDR INFLEXIBILITY ON THE NATIONALITY PDION, #"COMPLETE DISAGREEMENT" NOW CHARACTERIZES THE NEGOTIATIONS. THERE IS LITTLE PROSPECT OF AN AGREEMENT" IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

C. WHEREAS DOYEN STATED THAT NO DATE HAD BEEN SET FOR THE NEXT ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS (PARA 5, REFTEL), WE ADDED THAT THE BELGIANS WOULD NOT TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN THIS RESPECT, BUT WOULD AWAIT A GDR APPROACH.
HILLENBRAND

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